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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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## NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled

## APPARATUS FOR WRAPPING GROUPS OF PRODUCTS

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## 1. Type of Application

☒ Original (non-provisional)

## 2. Required Papers Enclosed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular):

9 Pages of specification4 Pages of claims1 Page of Abstract3 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-3)

## 3. Declaration or oath

☒ Enclosed

## 4. Preliminary Amendment

☒ Enclosed

## 5. Language

☒ English

## 6. Assignment

☒ An assignment of the invention to: **AETNA GROUP, S.p.A.**☒ A check in the amount of **\$40.00** is enclosed as well as the "Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet".

## 7. Priority

☒ Priority is hereby claimed to Patent Application No. BO2003A000436 dated July 22, 2003. The Transmittal Letter Of 35 U.S.C. §119 Foreign Priority Document is also enclosed.

## 8. Information Disclosure Statement

☒ Enclosed☒ Form 1449 PTO☒ References

The PTO did not receive the following  
listed item(s) specification, claims  
Abstract and drawing

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9. **Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

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BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$770.00
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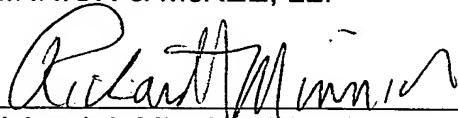
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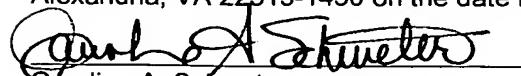
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**LETTER**

The Examiner is hereby advised of co-pending U.S. Patent Application, Application Number 10/355,457. This application may be related to the above-identified application, and thus may be relevant to the subject matter of the instant application.

This co-pending application is not to be construed as prior art. By bringing this co-pending application to the attention of the Examiner, the Applicant does **NOT** waive any confidentiality concerning this co-pending application. 35 U.S.C. 122 (1988); see Medical Laboratory Automation Inc. v. Labcon Inc., 500 F.Supp. 54, 58 n.5 (N.D. Ill. 1980), aff'd, 670 F.2d 671 (7th Cir. 1981). Furthermore, if said co-pending application should not mature into a patent, said co-pending application should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 122 (1988) and 37 C.F.R. 1.14.

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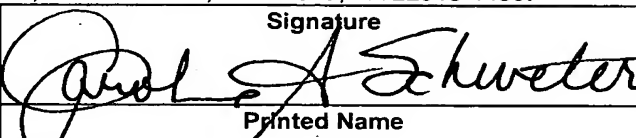
  
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